Neil A. Armstrong Middle School

Fall Presentation 2014

Grade 8

1. Introduction to Presentation

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Fall+Lesson+Plan+-+Eighth+Grade>

1. *Guidance News That You Can Use –* Webpage

Home: <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home>

3. Webpage Directory

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Webpage+Directory>

4. District Grading Policy

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+with+G.P.A.+Calculations+and+Student+Worksheet>

5. Academic Quarterly Warning Letters

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Academic+Quarterly+Warning+Letters>

6. Ninth Grade Course Codes <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Course+Selection+Presentation+2014+-+2015>. Provides the criteria that students must meet to be enrolled in a desired course.

7. Athlete Eligibility Requirements

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Athletic+Eligibility+Requirements>

8. Mandated Reporting

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Mandated+Reporting>

9. Bucks County Technical High School – Important Document Requirements

and Dates

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Technical+High+School+-+Important+Document+Requirements+and+Dates>

10. The Peace Center – Follow-up Survey

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+Peace+Center>

11. Bucks County Library System <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Library+System+-+Levittown+Branch+Resources>

12. Food Service – need to add links and dates

<http://www.btsd.us/parents/food_services>

13. Final Comments/ Questions?

**Bristol Township Middle Schools**

Neil A. Armstrong Middle School Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School

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**District Grading Policies**

Listed below are three important components to our grading policy: **Honor Roll**, **Course Failure**, and **Failure for the Year**. Please review each one listed below:

**Honor Roll** A student will earn honor roll status if he/she maintains a "B" average in all courses. Earning a "D" or an "F" in **any course** will exclude the student from honor roll.

**Course Failure** A student will fail a full year course, regardless of the grade point average, if he/she receives one of the following: **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0; Grade of an "F" for three marking periods; Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods; or Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period.** Please read an example of each policy below:

* **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **D** | **D** | **D** | **F** | **.75 Fails** |

**Sample Grade Point Average (G.P.A) Calculation**

**Point Value for Letter Grades**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + D = 1**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 3 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**3 ÷ 4 = .75 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator* *Quotient***

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* **Grade of an "F" for three marking periods**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **F** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 4 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 ÷ 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator*  *Quotient***

* **Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Reading** | **A** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **2.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **8 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**8 ÷ 4 = 2.0 Fail course for the year**

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* **Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Technology** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **I** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + I = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **4 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 ÷ 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator*  *Quotient***

Remember: For **every** **“F”** earned in a marking period, a student must earn **at** **least a “C”** in a future marking period to earn the required 1.0.

**Failure for the Year**

If a student **fails more than one** **academic subject,** he/she must attend Summer School and must pass that subject (or subjects), or he/she will be retained in his/her current grade.

If a student exceeds the attendance mandate and does not attend an attendance completion program.

**Athlete Eligibility Requirement**

Student-Athlete must follow these academic grading guidelines:

**“Failing 2 or more classes** – Student-Athlete may not practice or compete in any sport. Student-Athlete may resume practice with the team, but not compete once **one** F is lifted.”

**“Failing 1 class** – Student-Athlete may not compete in any event, but may practice with the team. Student-Athlete may return to competition once final F is lifted.”

**Worksheet**

**Student’s Grade Point Average (G.P.A) Calculation**

**Point Value for Letter Grades**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

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**Point Value for the *First Term Grade*** +

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*** **+**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade*** **+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Point Value** **= *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

***Numerator*  *Denominator* *Quotient***

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Armstrong Middle School

Guidance Counselor

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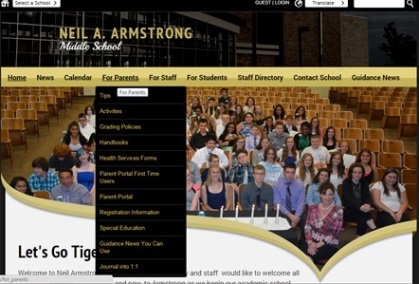
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October 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today I met with your child’s class to review a number of important topics such as our District’s Grading Policies, Athlete Eligibility Requirements, Mandated Reporting, and an introduction to Armstrong’s Guidance webpage *Guidance News That You Can Use* <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home>. Today’s presentation and accompanying documents can be found at <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Fall+Lesson+Plan+-+Eighth+Grade>.

On the reverse side of this letter is a listing of ***Important Documents Requirements and Dates*** for you and your child to complete if he/she wants to apply for admission to the Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) for the 2015 – 2016 school year. **Please remember to meet all deadline dates listed.** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Technical+High+School+-+Important+Document+Requirements+and+Dates>

Keeping track of your child’s academic performance can initially seem a little challenging; fortunately, you have access to iCampus also known as the **Parent Portal** which will provide you with confidential, accurate, and current information about your child’s attendance, grades, class assignments, and much more. If you are a **first time user**, please follow the step by step instructions at <http://www.btsd.us/parents/parent_portal___first_time_users_/>.

If you are a **returning user**, please follow these simple steps:1. Log onto **Armstrong’s webpage** <http://btsdarmstrong.ss6.sharpschool.com/>. 2. Click on the heading ***For Parents***; 3. Click on ***Parent Portal.*** Please contact our Guidance Secretary, Mrs. Jenelle Fleming, at 215-945-2570 to learn your Activation Key. While on Armstrong’s webpage you can easily connect to *Guidance News That You Can Use* by clicking on ***Guidance News.***

When you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please either call or email me at 215-945-2570/ [kjones1@btsd.us](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us) so that we can work together in supporting your child’s academic and personal achievement. Thank you.

Best wishes for a successful school year. 

Karla M. Jones, M.Ed. **Please Turn Over**

Eighth Grade School Counselor

**Important Document Requirements and Dates**

**for Armstrong Parents and Guardians whose Child is Applying to the**

**Bucks County Technical High School for the 2015 – 2016 School Year**

If your child plans to apply for admission to the Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) for the 2015 – 2016 school year, he/she needs to secure an application from the BCTHS <http://bcths.com/> and complete the following:

**Thursday, November 6, 2014**

BCTHS will be holding their Open House from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and you will be receiving a postcard invitation from them. If you have any questions, please call the BCTHS at 215-949-1700 ext. 2976.

**Friday, November 14, 2014**

The following BCTHS documents are due to Armstrong’s Guidance Department:

1. **Counselor Forms 1 and 2**
2. **Principal Form**

Your child will also need to give the **Teacher Recommendation Form** to the Armstrong Teacher of his/her choice by **Friday, November 14, 2014**. The teacher will turn it into the Armstrong’s Guidance Department.

**Please remember to have your child write his/her full name, etc., on each of the documents.**

**Armstrong Guidance Department will forward the following documents to the BCTHS:**

1. **Counselor Forms 1 and 2**
2. **Principal Forms**
3. **Teacher Recommendation Form**
4. **Official Transcript from Grade 7**
5. **First Marking Period Report Card for 2014 – 2015 School Year**
6. **Disciplinary and Attendance Records for Grades 7 and 8**
7. **IEP and ER/RR if needed**

**Monday, December 1 to Friday, December 5, 2014 – 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The following documents are due to the BCTHS by parents and guardians:

1. **Biographical Information Form**
2. **Essay**
3. **Area of Interest**

When these **three** documents are accepted by the BCTHS, you will receive your child’s **Lottery Number**. Keep this in a very safe place.

**Thursday, December 18, 2014 – Lottery Drawing - Tentative Date**

Your child’s **Lottery Number** will be placed into a lottery spinner with all of the other **Lottery Numbers** from Bristol Township students. Each Lottery Number is then pulled determining the order in which the applications are reviewed for admission. It does not guarantee acceptance. This event is videotaped. Please contact the BCTHS at 215-949-1700 ext. 2976 to determine the exact date, time, and location of this event.

**Friday, March 13, 2014 – Decision Letters are Mailed to Parents and Guardians**

**It is very important to remember to meet all deadline dates**. If you have any questions, please contact Karla Jones, Armstrong’s Eighth Grade School Counselor by scheduling an appointment, emailing her at [kjones1@btsd.us](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us), or calling 215-945-2570. Thank you.

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